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FOR KENT CRANDE USIA
DEPARTMENT PLEASE PASS CINCPAC

1. IN THIS PERIOD OF UNCERTAINTY AND WHILE HANOI CONTINUES TO BE HEAVILY INVOLVED IN LAOS AND CAMBODIA, NOT TO MENTION VIETNAM, OUR HANDLING OF PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS TAKES ON CONSIDERABLE ADDITIONAL IMPORTANCE. AS HAS BEEN CASE IN PAST, I STRONGLY BELIEVE WE SHOULD SPEAK WITH ONE VOICE IN THIS AREA AND THAT COORDINATOR IN THIS FIELD SHOULD BE SAIGON MISSION PSYOPS COMMITTEE UNDER MY OVERALL SUPERVISION. THIS COMMITTEE NOW CHAIRED BY NEWLY ARRIVED MINISTER- COUNSELOR FOR PUBLIC AFFAIRS, MARSHALL BREMENT.

2. QUESTION OF COORDINATION IS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT AS WITH ELIMINATION U. S. MILITARY FORCES FROM VIETNAM UNITS AND CERTAIN KEY PERSONNEL FORMERLY BASED HERE AND PRIMARILY INTERESTED IN THIS FIELD HAVE BEEN TRANSFERRED TO THAILAND, OKINAWA, HONOLULU AND ELSEWHERE. IN ORDER TO COME TO GRIPS WITH THIS PROBLEM, BREMENT HAS INVITED REPRESENTATIVES FROM EMBASSY PHNOM PENH AND VIENTIANE, 7 TH PSYOPS OKINAWA, NHK THAILAND AND CINCPAC TO THE NEXT MEETING OF MISSION PSYWAR TASK FORCE WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE APRIL 25.

3. WHILE THIS IS EXCELLENT FIRST STEP, EVEN MORE IMPORTANT IN MY VIEW SHOULD BE EFFORT TO ENSURE THAT PPOG, CINCPAC AND MISSION PSYWAR TASK FORCE SEE EYE TO EYE ON GOALS, TACTICS AND METHODS OF OPERATION TARGETTED AT NORTH VIETNAMESE THROUGHOUT INDOCHINA DURING THIS SENSITIVE PERIOD. WHILE I AM CONFIDENT THAT BREMENT WILL CARRY OUT THIS ASSIGNMENT VERY WELL, IT SEEMS ESSENTIAL TO ME THAT HE HAVE IN- DEPTH CONSULTATION BOTH WITH WASHINGTON PPOG COMMITTEE AND CINCPAC AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

4. WITH THIS IN MIND I PROPOSE SEND BREMENT TO CINCPAC

CONFERENCE MAY 7-11. THIS VISIT COULD BE COMBINED WITH DISCUSSIONS WITH ADMIRAL GAYLOR AND HIS PSYOPS STAFF. BREMENT COULD ATTEND THOSE SESSIONS DIRECTLY PERTINENT TO HIS PSYOPS RESPONSIBILITIES, WITH REMAINDER TIME DEVOTED TO PSYOPS BRIEFINGS. FOLLOWING CONFERENCE I BELIEVE HE SHOULD HAVE IN- DEPTH CONSULTATION WITH PPOG COMMITTEE WASHINGTON (AS WELL AS WITH USIA) DURING

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PERIOD MAY 11 TO 17 AND THAT HIS RETURN TO SAIGON SHOULD ROUGHLY COINCIDE WITH ARRIVAL OF AMBASSADOR MARTIN. WE WILL SHORTLY SUBMIT NAME OF A SENIOR POLITICAL OFFICER TO REPRESENT THE EMBASSY AT THIS CONFERENCE.

5. FACTOR TO BE CONSIDERED IS THAT USE OF MILITARY AIRCRAFT FROM BANGKOK TO HONOLULU (AND PERHAPS FROM HONOLULU TO WASHINGTON)

WILL
CUT COSTS CONSIDERABLY.

6. IF ADDRESSEES PERCEIVE NO OBJECTION REQUEST THAT BREMENT BE
AUTHORIZED CONSULTATION AS OUTLINED ABOVE.

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